House Resolution No. 759

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated their dedication to assisting others through providing excellent health care services and leadership in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Charles H. Goforth of Springfield attained considerable distinction as the founder, owner, and President of Oxford HealthCare; and

Whereas, Charles Goforth established Oxford HealthCare with only two employees in 1974 and stepped down from his diverse responsibilities and duties on January 15, 2004, after twenty-nine years of service; and

Whereas, during his tenure with Oxford HealthCare, Charles Goforth led his company to well-deserved recognition as the fastest-growing business in the smallest market in the history of its affiliated Upjohn HealthCare; and

Whereas, now President Emeritus of Oxford HealthCare, Charles Goforth is also Vice President for Home Health with Cox Health and the cofounder, President, and longtime legislative chairman of the Missouri Association of In-Home Services; and

Whereas, Charles Goforth has worked tirelessly in Jefferson City to help develop legislation and home care programs which allow Missouri elderly and disabled citizens to remain independent in their own home; and

Whereas, Charles Goforth also served on various local, state, and national health care boards such as the Governor's Head Injury Advisory Council and the Home Health Care Licensing Board; and

Whereas, in addition to all of his other achievements and honors in life, Charles Goforth is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Sherrie and the loving father of Brett and Blake:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar leadership and entrepreneurship record garnered by Charles Goforth during his nearly three decades in the medical healthcare profession and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Charles H. Goforth of Springfield, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 759, adopted February 25, 2004.